

D4732 REPORT ON MANAGEMENT
28 4.33 AND STAFF OF THE IMPERIAL
HOTEL

P.A. MDGILEVSKY, WHANG SIH
CHING, MISHONICH.

Y. Y. KOCHESHOFF, CAPT M. J.
MARHININ, N. E. REIMAN, A. G.
PANCHENKO, JACOB WOLFF,

V. G. SAYADYANTZ, A. A. TRIKHO
V. K. KUDREVATOFF

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File No. B. REGISTRY

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Subject (in full) Report on management and staff of the Imperial Hotel,
941 Bubbling Well Road.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky. Forwarded by *DBK*

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see 9.15.72*

With reference to the memo of the Officer i/c Special Branch dated April 6, 1933, on the subject of the Imperial Hotel, 941 Bubbling Well Road, I have to state the following :-

The present proprietors of the hotel are Messrs. P.A. Mogilevsky and Whang Sih Ching. Mogilevsky is a Russian Jew age 53, who was formerly connected with the Harbin staff of the Chinese Eastern Railway. He holds a Soviet passport. Whang Sih Ching is the compradore of Luebbert's Pharmacy, 81 Nanking Road. He resides at No. 230 Rue Porte de l'Ouest.

Although these two persons are nominally the proprietors of the hotel the business is backed financially by the China Finance Corporation. This corporation, in order to safeguard their interests, insisted that the municipal licences in respect to the premises be taken out in the name of one of their employees named Mishunich who was virtually in charge of all financial transactions connected with the hotel. Mishunich was recently replaced by another employee of the China Finance Corporation, named Orloff.

Particulars of the foreign employees of the Imperial Hotel are given hereunder :-

Yakov Yakovlevitch Kocheshoff, employed as telephone operator, is a Russian age 29 who was born at Semipalatinsk, Siberia. He is a graduate of the Harbin Middle School and was formerly employed with the "Electron Factory," Harbin. He arrived in Shanghai in 1930 and is a cousin of Captain M. J. Marhinin of the Russian Regiment, S.V.C.

Nikolay Eliseevitch Reiman, employed as electrician, is a Russian (Amur Cossack), age 33 who was born at Blagoveshensk, Siberia. He served in the ranks of the "White" Russian Army and

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participated in the civil war in Siberia.

Anatoly Georgievitch Panchenko, employed as bookkeeper, is a Russian age 21 who was born in the Poltava Province.

He was formerly employed with the Chinese Eastern Railway at Harbin and arrived in Shanghai in 1931.

The three persons mentioned above are registered with the Russian Emigrants Committee and are reputed to be "White" Russians.

The manager of the recently opened Bar and Snack Counter of the Imperial Hotel is one David Jacob Wolff, British subject of Netherlands Jewish extraction, who forms the subject of Special Branch file D-4596. He is a man of doubtful character and is married to a Russian Jewess. Although the bar and snack counter encourage the custom of service men it cannot be said that it is a popular resort of men in uniform.

No Soviet agents are at present residing in the hotel.

Previous to Dec. 1932 the following suspected Soviet agents resided in the Imperial Hotel :-

V.G. Sayadyantz, representative of "Sovkino" (U.S.S.R. Cinematograph Syndicate) former employee of the Chinese Eastern Railway and active communist worker (File D-4337). He resided at the Imperial Hotel from December 12, 1932 till February 28, 1933.

A.A. Tranko, partner of Ming Sing Co. This firm distributed Soviet films. He is a friend of Sayadyantz and resided in the hotel from December 12, 1932 till January 10, 1933 (File D-4337).

V.K. Kudrevatoff alias Koodrevatoff, Soviet employee of the Chinese Eastern Railway, and reported to be connected with the Communist circle. He resided in the Imperial Hotel from December 7, 1932 till January 10, 1933. (File D-4313).

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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Memorandum

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. B. REGISTRY

POLICE FORCE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Shanghai, April 7, 6, 1933

To S. 2.

Please furnish the name of the present proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, Bubbling Well Road. Is he or any other member of the staff or any of the guests in the hotel suspected of being agents of the III International or working for agents of the III International? What is known of the bar and snack counter in this establishment to which service men are welcome?

J. G. Evans
O. C. (S.B.).

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